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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING GRADUATES 19 RECRUITS

RICHMOND, Ky. – Law enforcement officers from 15 agencies across the state graduated today from the Department of Criminal Justice Training's Law Enforcement Basic Training Academy. The academy is located on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

The 19-member class underwent 16 weeks of training, which consisted of more than 660 hours of recruit-level officer academy instruction. Major training areas include law offenses and procedures, vehicle operations, firearms, investigation, first aid/CPR, patrol procedures and mechanics of arrest, restraint and control.

During the graduation ceremony, guest speaker Keith Hall, director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, praised the class and told its members that they play an important role in carrying out Kentucky's homeland security strategy in their agencies and communities.

"While thousands of Kentuckians are defending freedom overseas, you and your colleagues in this room are doing the same thing every day right here in Kentucky," he said. "Every community, every family and every first responder in Kentucky must work to ensure Kentucky is ready and prepared."

Graduates of Class 354

Brian L. Adams, Danville Police Department
Charles W. Beil III, Covington Police Department
David S. Boyer, Kentucky Department of Parks
James S. Brooks, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Brent J. Caldwell, Owen County Sheriff's Office
Christopher M. Combs, Hazard Police Department
Christopher D. Evitts, Providence Police Department
Josh B. Greene, Bell County Sheriff's Office
John A Hines III, Villa Hills Police Department
Daniel L. Irons, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Police Department
Darrell M. Kelley, Kentucky Department of Parks
Marvin Brandon Prewitt, Whitley County Sheriff's Office



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Joseph C. Vicini, Cumberland Police Department
Don F. Whitlock, Jr., Scott County Sheriff's Office
Philip L. Woodard, Allen County Sheriff's Office
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